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SUBJECT: UN/DRC SANCTIONS LIST

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Classified By: PolCouns MSanderson, reasons 1.4 b/d.

¶11. (C) Post has no objections to including on the proposed sanctions list the six names proposed by UKUN. We believe that the first name, currently shown as "Kakolere" should be "Kakolele." Given the difficulty of fully determining additional identifiers, Post believes it more useful to proceed immediately with the listing and incorporate additional identifiers as they become available and are verified.

¶12. (C) Post has not seen a copy of the proposed final list. In email exchanges, we noted our objection to including on the list the name of the Congolese Air Force Commander General John Numbi, unless there is viable evidence available from some source of which we are unaware demonstrating his involvement with illegal arms trafficking. To place the name of a government official on the list based on nothing more than rumors would risk undermining the credibility of the sanctions program and cause problems with the GDRC, which already alleges that the arms control measures in place are designed to prevent their arming the Congolese military.

¶13. (C) Likewise, Post has previously expressed concern regarding the nearly exclusive listing of Congolese citizens. Without listing -- and punishing -- the sources of arms trafficking, we cannot successfully eliminate the problem. We also risk appearing to confirm Congolese convictions that the U.S. -- and the U.N. -- is unwilling to confront either Uganda or Rwanda. We would encourage the experts committee, with the backing of the UNSC, to make a greater effort to force compliance by all governments to requests for information.

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